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SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SITREP, JUNE 1

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGVF FROM NHA TRANG JUNE 1
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QUOTE NHA TRANG 0570

1. SECURITY SITUATION: TOTAL OF 12 INCIDENTS REPORTED BY MR 2 HQS AND POLOFF' S OVER PAST 24 HOUR PERIOD: FOUR IN KONTUM, FOUR IN BINH DINH, TWO IN BINH THUAN, AND ONE EACH IN PHU YEN AND NINH THUAN. INCIDENTS INCLUDED: SIX VC ATTACKS BY FIRE, THREE VC GROUND ATTACKS ON RVNAF OUTPOSTS, TWO VC MININGS, AND ONE FIREFIGHT BETWEEN PF UNIT ON PATROL AND VC. CASUALTIES: VC: 12 KIA, ONE CAPTURED; RVNAF: NINE KIA, 14 WIA, AND FOUR MISSING IN ACTION. TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED BY VC MINE WHICH CHILDREN DETONATED AS THEY WERE HERDING COWS IN DONG XUAN DISTRICT, PHU YEN.

2. MR 2 NHA TRANG HQ BRIEFERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE 47 TH REGT, 22 ND ARVN DIV FROM NORTH CENTRAL INTO SOUTHERN BINH DINH. REGT' S MISSION IS TO SECURE
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THE RAILROAD LINE BETWEEN BINH DINH AND PHU YEN IN PREPARATION FOR THE PLANNED OPENING OF THAT STRETCH ON JULY 15. VC "WELCOMED" ONE COMPANY OF NEWLY-ARRIVED 47 TH REGT WITH GROUND ATTACK ON ITS POSITION ABOUT FOUR KMS SOUTH OF VAN CANH SUB-SECTOR ON EARLY MORNING OF MAY 31. ARVN COMPANY PROVED MORE THAN A MATCH FOR ATTACKERS, HOWEVER, AS TEN VC WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED BY ARVN REACTION FIRE (FRIENDLY LOSSES NIL). (CONGEN COMMENT: ALBEIT OUTCOME OF FIRST CLASH BETWEEN 47 TH REGT AND SOUTHERN BINH DINH VC WAS HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO ARVN, THE RR PASSES THROUGH SOME VERY DIFFICULT TERRAIN AND REOPENING THE LINE BY JULY 15 IS AN AMBITIOUS TARGET. MORE SANGUINE ASPECT OF REDEPLOYMENT OF 47 TH FROM NORTHERN TO SOUTHERN BINH DINH IS THAT IT IMPLIES THAT MR 2 CG MAJ. GEN. TOAN IS NOW CONFIDENT OF STABILITY OF TACTICAL SITUATION IN CN NORTHERN FOUR DISTRICTS OF PROVINCE, WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN SHARPLY CONTESTED.)

3. IN KONTUM, MEANWHILE, RF COMPANIES THAT HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN ATTACKING VC POSITIONS IN AREA APPROX TEN KMS WEST OF KONTUM CITY FOR PAST FEW DAYS STARTED TO PAY THE PIPER ON MAY 31. FIRST OF FOUR VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS IN THAT GENERAL VICINITY WAS EARLY MORNING ATTACK ON RF COMPANY RESULTING IN SEVEN RF KILLED (INCLUDING THE COMPANY COMMANDER), FIVE WOUNDED AND FOUR MISSING. LATER SAME DAY, VC GUNNERS POUNDED THREE OTHER RF COMPANY POSITIONS NEARBY. (ONE OF THE FIRE ATTACKS WAS BY 130 MM ARTILLERY, WHICH MAKES SECOND TIME IN PAST WEEK THAT VC HAVE EMPLOYED THAT WEAPON AGAINST RVNAF IN KONTUM.) ATTACKS CAUSED TWO FRIENDLY KIA AND FIVE WIA. REPORT FROM KONTUM ARRO REPRESENTATIVE INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT GVN COMMANDERS IN KONTUM MAY BE FUDGING ON THEIR REPORTING OF FRIENDLY CASUALTIES IN ONGOING FIGHTING AROUND KONTUM CITY. ARRO REP ESTIMATED NEARLY 100 WOUNDED RVNAF TROOPS WERE BROUGHT TO KONTUM CITY AIRPORT FOR TRANSPORT TO NHA TRANG HOSPITAL ON MAY 31. SINCE MAY 13 MR2 HQ IN NHA TRANG HAD REPORTED ONLY 29 FRIENDLY WIA IN KONTUM.

4. RELEASE OF CIVILIAN PRISONERS AGAIN SCHEDULED: ARRO REP PHU YEN REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO GVN TPJMT TEAM CHIEF ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT TURNOVER OF 5 GVN CIVILIAN OFFICIALS IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2 AT SITE IN NORTHEASTERN TUY AN DISTRICT. PREVIOUS EFFORTS IN EARLY MAY WERE THWARTED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY ACTIVITY AND FIGHTING. (NHA TRANG 480, REPEATED AS SAIGON 8148).

5. ICCS: REACTION TO CANADIAN DECISION TO PULL OUT: IN A DISCUSSION WITH POLOFF, MEMBERS IN DODEL NHA TRANG GAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL ANNOUNCEMENT: IN DODEL WILL BE SORRY TO SEE CANADIANS GO, AS THEY WERE DOING

USEFUL WORK AND MAKING PROGRESS. CANADIANS ARE DEFINITELY LEAVING; THIS IS NOT A PLOY OR A MANEUVER. PERSUASION OR EVEN FAVORABLE TURN OF EVENTS PROBABLY WOULD NOT MAKE THEM STAY AS THIS WAS A " POLITICAL DECISION." THE INDONESIANS WILL STAY ON, HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ON THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION WILL BE ROTATED OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND BE REPLACED AT THE END OF JULY. DISCUSSANTS HAD NO COMMENT ON LIKELIHOOD OR DESIRABILITY OF MEXICO OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC COUNTRY TAKING CANADA' S PLACE.

6. GVN TPJMC CHIEF IN PLEIKU WAS " SAD TO LEARN OF THIS DECISION AS THE CANADIANS ARE CLOSEST SUPPORTERS." GOL.
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